India Airlines and Alliance Air on their networks over the years since 1994-95 are as under—

1994-95	69.7%
1995-96	74%
1996-97	70.17%

Proposal to operate an airline service linking Bhuj, Bhavnagar and Jamnagar with Mumbai and Delhi

3191. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Jamnagar, Bhuj and Bhavnagar airports in Gujarat are capable of operational/handling airbuses;

(b) if so, the actual length of runways and landing facilities at the said airports;

(c) whether there is a proposal to operate airbus services linking Bhuj, Bhavnagar and Jamnagar with Mumbai and Delhi; and

(d) if so, by when and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Bhuj and Bhavnagar airports are capable of handling Airbus-320 type of aircraft.

(b) Air port Length of Runway Facility

Jamnagar	8250 ft.x 150 ft.	VHF, NDB, DVOR, DME, VASI, SAPL.
Bhuj	8250 ft.x 150 ft.	VHF, NDB, AVASI, SAPL.
Bhavnagar	6300 ft.x 150 ft	VHF, NDB, VOR, DME, PAPI.

(c) and (d) Indian airlines is operating A-320 service linking Bhavnagar to Mumbari. Airlines Allied Services Limited a subsidiary of Indian Airlines, is operating B-737 services from Bhuj and Jamnagar to Mumbai.

LEGEND: VHF=Very High Frequency. NDB=Non Directional Beacon. DVOR=Doppler Very High Frequency Omni Range. DME=Distance Measuring Equipment. VASI=Visual Approach Slope Indicator. SAPL=Simple Approach Lighting System AVAST= Abridge Visual Approach Slope Indicator. PAPI=Precision Approach Path Indicator.

Proposal to acquire new aircraft for Air India

3192. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India has a plan to acquire new aricraft:

(b) if so, whether Air India been sanctioned fund for acquiring new aircraft; and

(c) if not, in what way Air India propose to meet the cost of aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Funds for purchase of aircraft are arranged by Air India by internal resource generation and/or by raising loans from the market.

Construction of an international airport at Mandira

3193. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for construction of an international airport at Mandira near Alibagh (Maharashtra) to cope up with increasing volume of air traffic in the years to come;

(b) if so, the details of the redeeming